

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

Report of Year 2000 Preparedness Update

MEETING DATE:

December 15, 1999

SUBMITTED BY:

Deputy City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council review and discuss the City's Year 2000

preparations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City staff will brief the Council on actions taken thus far to minimize possible complications or service disruptions as result of Year 2000 ("Y2K" bug). Actions include inventorying and analysis of mission-critical functions, public awareness and emergency operations. Attached for the Council's information are copies of materials available to the public for Y2K and overall emergency preparedness. Staff will review with Council the New Year's staffing plans.

FUNDING: Not Applicable

Respectfully,

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Deputy City Manager

Attachment

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Dear Lodi Residents and Business Owners:

As we quickly approach the Year 2000, many of us are excited yet perhaps a little apprehensive about the debated "Y2K Bug" or Year 2000 Millennium. As with any unknown, we speculate and plan for the full gamut of scenarios. To best ensure a smooth transition into the Year 2000, the City of Lodi has taken what I consider to be an aggressive approach to ensure that there is minimal disruption of services as a result of possible complications from the "Y2K Bug." Actions taken thus far include contingency planning, hosting numerous public forums, and finally, inventorying and replacing non-Y2K compliant computer-related systems.

Although City officials anticipate very little, if any, disruption of services, it is prudent to be prepared for any type of potential emergency. In the spirit of preparedness, our public safety and essential services departments recommend that you always have certain supplies readily available in the event of an emergency. Suggested items to be included are listed on the reverse side of this letter. Please take a moment to read the list and consider a plan for your household or business.

I hope this information is useful and would encourage you to tune to radio station 1250 AM in Lodi to keep informed of any "Y2K" related matters as we get closer to New Year's Eve. Any questions regarding the City's preparedness may be directed to City Administration at 333-6700.

Sincerely,

H. Dixon Flynn

City Manager

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Basic Supplies For General Emergency Preparedness

You may want to store a three to seven day supply of the following:

- One gallon of water per person per day (rotate every three months)
- Paper Plates, cups, plastic utensils
- Flashlights, battery operated radio and/or TV
- Extra batteries
- Matches (keep out of reach of children)
- ✓ Battery operated lamps, lanterns and fuel (keep out of reach of children)
- Non-perishable food items
- Pet food and supplies
- Toilet Paper and towelettes
- Personal hygiene items
- Plastic garbage bags, zip-locking bags
- Waterless antibacterial hand soap
- ✓ Disinfectant / bleach
- Fire extinguisher
- Freshly stocked first-aid kit
- Cleansing agent / soap
- ✓ Antiseptic
- Non-prescription drugs you use regularly
- ✓ Full supply of prescription medication (when purchasing prescriptions after 12/31/99, check your prescription information carefully)
- ✓ Learn basic first aid and CPR

City of Lodi Year 2000 Preparedness



We've made a list and checked it twice:

Electricity

✓ Water

✓ Sewer

✓ Public Safety

✓ Public Information

✓ Communications

✓ ✓ Transit System

City of Lodi staff members have spent thousands of hours over many months to inventory, correct, and test City systems for proper operation in the year 2000 and beyond. City representatives are confident that computer systems are Y2K compliant and that City services will be delivered to customers with minimal if any disruption. You are invited to call the City of Lodi at 333-6700 should you have any questions regarding our "Y2K" preparedness.

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California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Y2K Individual and Family Preparedness

Includes information for people with health/medical concerns and other special considerations.

Background

As the year 2000 arrives at midnight December 31, 1999, thousands of computers and countless computer chips have the potential to malfunction. The problem, known as "Y2K" or the "millennium bug", arises from the fact that computer programs recognize only the last two digits in years, such as 99 for 1999. That shortcut has the potential to confuse computers and software that cannot distinguish between 1900 and 2000, causing output of incorrect data or computer system disruptions. Among the services which may suffer potential disruptions are the delivery of utilities such as electricity, water and gas; electronic financial transactions; transportation; and health care. These potential disruptions may create emergency situations that can be mitigated with some advance individual and family preparedness planning. Because it is impossible to determine at this time exactly what the impact might be, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) is encouraging California residents to prepare now for Y2K using similar steps as those used for other emergencies such as earthquakes and severe winter weather.

Begin Preparations

People relying on home health-care providers, special medical equipment or other forms of support services have extra considerations when preparing for possible Y2K disruptions or other disasters. While some

problems may become evident immediately, others may take a little longer to have an impact. OES suggests that all households be prepared to be selfsufficient (able to live without running water, electricity and/or gas, telephone and assistance from safety devices) for three to seven days. The best place to start is by examining your needs and those of your family or your client if you are a professional caregiver/attendant. Evaluate capabilities, limitations. resources and special needs, as well as surroundings to determine what type of help you, your family or your client will need in an emergency. Try to imagine how Y2K may impact your safety and well being. How would you cook if gas and electrical service is disrupted? What appliances can your household function without for several days at a time? Do you keep enough money at home to cover immediate expenses in case ATMs do not work? How often do you shop for groceries and other supplies? Does your car have enough gas in the tank to allow you to function for days at a time without stopping to refill? What might be some special medical needs that require extra planning? If you or your client relies on special medical services, equipment, and or/supplies, have you included those needs in your preparedness planning?

Preparing takes time and effort. Do a little at a time, as your ability and budget permit. The important thing is to start preparing. The more you do, the more

confident you will be that you can protect yourself, your family, and those who depend on your services. This guide is designed as a helpful tool to prepare for a possible emergency. Start now to create a plan!

Suggested Preparations Water

Store one gallon of water per person per day (at least two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation and sanitation). Store water in sound plastic containers, such as soft drink bottles. Never use a container that has held a toxic substance. Boiling water before use is the safest method of purifying water, but also have a water purification kit on hand. For the boiling method, bring water to a rolling boil for at least one (1) minute. Increase boiling time to at least three (3) minutes if you live at high elevations above 6.500 feet. Hint: When used for drinking, after cooling, pouring the water back and forth between two containers will help improve the taste as oxygen is added during this process. Other water sources in your home can be found in ice cubes, the toilet tank at the back of the toilet (if no chemical disinfectant is used), swimming pool, and spa. Water used from these sources must be purified before drinking, or use the water only for toilet flushing and other noningested purposes.

Food

Have plenty of nonperishable food on hand for each person to survive on for three to seven days. Keep in mind any special diets for you and/or family members, including service animals and pets. Store nonperishable basics such as dry and canned goods (soups, juices, milk, vegetables, boxed food, beans, and pasta). If you experience a power failure, use perishable and refrigerated foods first and then foods from the freezer. Be sure to have a non-electric can opener and utility knife available.

Cooking/Heating

Alternative sources for cooking and heating may be needed should Y2K cause a disruption in delivery of gas and electricity.

Cooking: Several alternative cooking means may already be available. Barbecues and camp stoves are

just two ideas for alternative cooking (for outdoor use only). If using propane, be sure the tank is full and consider having a second full tank on hand. Another idea for an alternative cooking device might be a "canned heat" stove. Remember, safety first when using fire as an alternative cooking source.

Heating: Have sleeping bags available as well as plenty of blankets and warm clothing. Make sure there is plenty of wood for wood-burning stoves and fireplaces. If using a non-electrical alternative heating device, make sure it is approved for indoor use and always follow manufacturer's operating instructions. Ensure there is adequate ventilation to prevent build up of carbon monoxide, other gases, or smoke inside the home. Never use barbecues or any similar outdoor cooking appliance in your home as they are a fire hazard and the fumes they create can kill you.

Refuse

Make sure enough sturdy covered garbage containers are available to hold two weeks' worth of refuse should Y2K disrupt garbage collection. Tight sealing lids on garbage cans will help keep rodents and other pests away. Never burn waste in a fireplace.

The "Buddy" System

An important part of being prepared for any disruption of services or a disaster is planning with family, friends, and neighbors. Develop a "buddy" system or personal support network, consisting of individuals who will check with you in an emergency and give assistance if needed. Do not depend on any one person. Plan how you will help each other in an emergency. If applicable, discuss your plan with your home health care provider or other essential service providers. Maintain an emergency contact list (names and telephone numbers). Include your home health care provider, doctor, hospital, medical suppliers, and pharmacy.

Training

Training is an essential part of a good preparedness plan. Getting trained in first aid, CPR and basic disaster preparedness can save lives. Everyone in your household including care-givers, and anyone who is part of your "buddy" system should get trained in the basics, including how to deal with any special

medical equipment or concerns. People who may not be able to physically perform the tasks on their own should participate in trainings so they will be able to support or instruct others if necessary.

Basic Supplies

You may want to store a three to seven day supply of the following:

- ✓ Paper plates, cups, plastic utensils
- ✓ Flashlights, battery operated radio and/or TV
- ✓ Battery operated security lights to light travel paths within the home
- ✓ Extra batteries
- ✓ Whistle or loud bell
- ✓ Matches (keep out of reach of children)
- ✓ Battery operated smoke alarm
- ✓ Battery operated carbon monoxide detector
- ✔ Toilet paper, towelettes
- ✔ Personal hygiene items
- ✔ Plastic garbage bags, zip-locking bags
- ✓ Waterless antibacterial hand soap
- ✓ Disinfectant/bleach
- ✓ Fire extinguisher
- ✓ Heavy gloves
- ✓ Duct tape, masking tape
- ✓ Extra eye glasses, hearing aid, canes, mobility aids, etc.
- ✓ Freshly stocked first-aid kit
- ✓ Extra blanket and warm clothing
- ✓ Cleansing agent/soap
- ✓ Antiseptic
- ✓ Non-prescription drugs you use regularly
- ✓ Full supply of prescription medication (when purchasing prescriptions after 12/31/99, check your prescription information carefully)
- ✓ List of instruction on how to operate and safely move essential equipment, how to provide essential personal services, and how to safely transport you or your client if necessary.

Review and practice your plans several times before December 31, 1999.

Special Medical Concerns

Emergency Bag or "go-kit": Have a bag packed at all times in the event you need to leave your home. Use a back pack or drawstring bag which can be hung from a wheelchair, scooter or other assistive device. Include an emergency health information card, instructions on personal assistance needs and how best to provide them, copy of emergency documents. essential medications/copies of prescriptions, flashlight, signaling device (whistle, beeper, bell, etc.). heavy gloves to use while wheeling, and a small battery-operated radio and extra batteries. Plan for enough supplies (medication syringes, ostomy, respiratory, catheter, padding, etc.) to last three to seven days. Store a lightweight manual wheelchair, if available. Organizations such as the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Arthritis Foundation, United Cerebral Palsy Association, etc., may be able to assist you in gathering extra low cost or no cost emergency supplies or medications.

Medications: If possible, keep an extra supply of prescriptions and medications or other medical supplies used by yourself and your family. Be sure to rotate the supply on a regular basis. Store your medications in one location in their original containers, and out of the reach of children.

Medical Records: It is always a good idea to maintain an up-to-date copy of health, medical, and dental records for yourself and your family. Have extra copies of your prescriptions and keep a list of all medications used: name of medication, dose, frequency, and the name of the doctor prescribing it. Keep a copy in your "go-kit" so you'll be prepared if you must leave your home. It is also wise for each member of the family to be current on all necessary immunizations.

Medical Supplies: If you use medical supplies such as bandages, ostomy bags, or syringes, have an extra three to seven day supply available.

Intravenous (IV) & Feeding Tube Equipment: Know if your infusion pump has battery back-up, and how long it would last in an emergency. Be knowledgeable about manual infusion techniques in case of

a power outage. Have written operating instructions attached to all equipment.

Oxygen and Breathing Equipment: If you use oxygen, have an emergency supply available, if possible. Check with your medical supply company for proper storing instructions. If you use breathing equipment, have a three to seven day supply of tubing, solutions, etc. Be aware of oxygen safety; avoid areas where gas leaks or open flames may be present.

Electrically Powered Medical Equipment: For all medical equipment requiring electrical power such as beds, breathing equipment, infusion pumps, etc., check with your medical supply company and get information on alternative power sources, including manual operations, that will provide you with support for three to seven days. Determine which facilities/ providers would serve you in the event that your home system becomes inoperable or your provider is unable to provide you service. Register with your local utility company(s) if this service is available in your community. Many utility companies maintain a list and map of your location in the event of an emergency. Contact the customer service department for additional information. Many power utility companies keep a list of names of people dependent on powered life support systems and tag their meters. Registering for this service may also qualify you for a discount rate. Never count on your power being quickly restored.

Banking

Cash: Prepare for possible disruption of electrical power. Have some extra cash on hand in case computer-controlled electronic transactions involving ATM cards, credit cards, and the like cannot be processed. You should have already purchased your emergency supplies before the arrival of Y2K. The amount of cash you keep on hand should be based on your family's needs. Keep in mind that keeping large amounts of cash in the home could make you vulnerable to theft. Please use discretion and common sense when deciding this. Keep cash in a safe place and withdraw money from your bank in small amounts.

Credit and Debit Cards: Be prepared to pay in cash or by check while retailers who are not Y2K compli-

ant work out problems. Be sure to save receipts.

Finance: Maintain a paper record of all holdings, loan balances, and transactions.

Communications

Telephone lines may still work if power is off or sporadic during short periods. There is a possibility portable telephones will not work without electricity. Make sure you have at least one non-portable telephone in the house for emergency situations. If you rely on TDD, check with your provider for availability of emergency back-up systems. Cellular telephone systems may be operational without electricity. Make the inability to use a telephone part of your family's emergency preparedness plan. Use your "buddy system". Know who can quickly and easily get to your home to assist you if other means of communication are unavailable.

People who have difficulty communicating should have important information written out.

Include special care instructions such as feeding, toileting, movement assistance, and other items as appropriate. Give copies to your care-givers, "buddies", family, and keep one in your "go-kit".

Transportation

Try to maintain your car's gas tank at least half full during the weeks prior to Y2K. This will keep you from possible long lines at the gas stations on December 31, 1999. Consider alternate transportation such as public transportation in case Y2K causes disruptions in delivery of gasoline. Storing gasoline at home is not recommended since it can be extremely hazardous.

Portable Generators

Discuss with your vendor the best alternative power supply for any at-home medical equipment. Have enough to support three to seven days without the usual power source. Connect electrical devices directly to a portable generator if you decide to use one. Connecting the generator to your home's electrical system is against the law unless a fail-safe switching mechanism, installed by a licensed electrician, is used. It is important to consult your utility company before connecting a generator to your home's electrical system. Always keep the portable generator in a

well-ventilated area outside the home or in a completely open garage. Do not put a portable generator in your basement.

Legal

Keep copies of all important documents such as wills, trusts, loans, house deeds, insurance/life policies, tax, health, education, and military service records, birth certificates, passports, credit card and bank account statements on hand in a safe place.

Be sure to designate someone who can make decisions for you if you become unable to make them for yourself.

Entertainment

Plan activities and have supplies on hand for your family to engage in if there are Y2K-related power disruptions. Playing cards, books, and board games are but a few items that you might want to have available. Stock up on plenty of extra batteries if you use portable radios, CD players, and televisions.

Preparing Your Home

Check with manufacturers of any essential computer-controlled electric and computerized equipment in your home to ensure they are Y2K compliant. This includes fire and security alarm systems, programmable thermostats, appliances, garage door openers, and electronic/computerized equipment such as locks in which an "embedded chip" may control its operation. Winterize your home and any other structure that may provide shelter for your family, neighbors, livestock, or equipment. In the event of heat loss, make sure your water pipes are protected from freezing. If you have doors, gates, lifts or ramps operated by electricity or computer chip, be sure to have an alternate route planned.

Children

Children and others who function best with structure and routines can become extremely distressed by disruptions to their daily patterns.

Children are also sensitive to the anxiety they see or sense from their parents or care-givers. When dealing with children during an emergency, be calm and reassuring. Give extra attention and try to keep any established routines such as reading stories or playing games. Explain what is happening; encourage the child to talk about what he/she is feeling; and be sure to pack some comfort items in their "go-kits", like a favorite toy or book, and a picture.

Service Animals/Pets/Livestock

Remember to include your service animals, pets, and livestock in your contingency plans. Be sure to store extra food, water, and other supplies for them also. If they take regular medication, have a full supply on hand. Determine in advance where you will take your pets and/or livestock if it is necessary to move them. Be sure to have leashes/harnesses and pet carriers for each of your pets on hand. Establish agreements with people who will help your animals if you are not home or are unable to help them yourself. Prepare an emergency kit for your service animals/pets. Suggested items may include bowls for water and food, a blanket for bedding, food, plastic bags and paper towels for disposing of feces, antibacterial ointment for minor wounds, and a favorite toy. Ask your veterinarian if there is anything specific you should include.

Summary

- Prepare a bit at a time each month between now and December, 1999.
- Make a checklist of needed preparedness activities. Go through it before the millennium rollover.
- Work with your community, support organizations, neighborhood, or religious organizations. They can all be part of your extended personal support network.
- Learn more about the Y2K problem and its potential impact on you and your community. Referring to the Internet is an excellent way to stay current of Y2K and its implications.
- Above all, don't panic PREPARE! Get involved in your preparedness planning now!

Everyone should be prepared for the potential impact of Y2K. Encourage your friends, relatives, neighbors and community to prepare accordingly. Your local Office of Emergency Services and your local Red Cross Chapter can help by providing additional information.

Conclusion

It is not clear at this time exactly what the effects of Y2K may be. It is prudent to prepare just as you would for any other potential emergency such as a flood or earthquake. Government and private industry are working diligently to minimize Y2K problems and their effects. As the year 2000 approaches, federal, state, and local governments, working with private industry, will be better able to determine how much of an impact to expect.



California Governor's Office of Emergency Services P.O. Box 419047 Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9047

Suggested Y2K Preparedness Web Sites

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

www.oes.ca.gov

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

www.fema.gov

California Community Collaborative Groups (preparedness for nonprofit service providers)

www.PrepareNow.org

The American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

United States Senate Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem

www.senate.gov/~y2k

The President's Council on Year 2000 Conversions www.y2k.gov

How San Joaquin County is preparing for Y2K and other disasters

San Joaquin County is preparing for the 21st Century and the Y2K bug. The County has inspected, replaced and upgraded equipment as needed, including those in our health care and human services areas. Each county department also has written a contingency plan so that if something unexpected does happen on New Year's Day we'll be ready to maintain services to the public. The County does not expect any disruption of services to residents from the Y2K bug.

The County also has been meeting with officials from city government, police and fire departments, health care and ambulance services, utilities, and other agencies that provide critical community services. Plans and provisions are being put in place to manage any emergency situation that might occur.

The County is ready for Y2K and other emergency situations that may lie ahead...from floods to fire we're preparing today to manage situations that may happen tomorrow. But, a big part of making our community safe relies on the preparedness of you and your family. We are encouraging residents to become Y2K prepared by following the community emergency preparedness guidelines established by emergency agencies. It's never too late to be prepared!

How to prepare your family

The American Red Cross offers many brochures on emergency preparedness. You also may obtain information from their web site. Three brochures that may be particularly useful for families are 1) Your Family Disaster Plan, 2) Emergency Preparedness Checklist, and 3) Family Disaster Supply Kit. All public safety agencies, including the County Office of Emergency Services, recommend that you prepare for a Y2K disaster by stocking an emergency supply kit adequate for a minimum of three days.

These kits generally hold such items as food, water, clothing, batteries, flashlights and lists of important numbers and contacts. Several hardware stores and the American Red Cross sell prepackaged kits or items you can use as the basis of a kit.

Another source of emergency preparedness information is your local telephone book. Check the table of contents for emergency preparedness information. Be sure to also prepare and keep handy a list of local emergency numbers that includes police, physician, fire and utility companies.

Remember, On New Year's Eve...

- Dial tones may not be available due to heavy calling.
- Use 9-1-1 only for emergencies.
- Do not shoot firearms into the air.
- Local electrical failures may occur; call your provider for information on power resumption.

Cómo el Condado de San Joaquin se está preparando para el año dos mil y otros desastres

El Condado de San Joaquín se está preparando para el Siglo 21 y el defecto que pueda ocurrir en los Códigos de computación para el año 2 mil. El Condado ha inspeccionado remplazado y puesto al día según sea necesario todo el equipo incluyendo aquellos de nuestra Salud y Cuidados en la área de servicios humanos. Cada departamento ha escrito un plan de emergencía en caso de que suceda algo inesperado en el día del Año Nuevo, nosotros podamos mantener dando nuestros servicios al público. El Condado no espera interrucción alguna en los servicios para los residentes que sean causado por el defecto de las computadoras para el del año 2 mil.

El Condado está listo para el año 2 mil y cualquier otra situación de emergencia que pueda pasar mañana. Pero, la mayor parte por hacer en nuestra comunidad para la seguridad y el alivio en el caso de que Ud. y su familia esten en medio de una crisis es la preparación. Nosotros estamos encareciendo a los residentes para que comiencen a prepararse para el año 2 mil siguiendo las guias de preparación para la comunidad establecidas por agencias designadas para las emergencias iNunca es tarde para preperarse!

Cómo Preparar a su Familia

La Cruz Roja Americana ofrece folletos sobre la preparación en caso de emergencias. Ud. también puede obtener información en el Wed Site. Estos folletos pueden particularmente ser útiles para las familias por tratar 1) Su plan familiar encaso de desastres 2) Lista de preparativos en caso de emergencias 3) Equipo de proviciones para un desastre familiar. Todas las agencas de seguridad pública, incluyendo la Oficina del Condado para los Servicios de Emergencia recomiendan que Ud. prepare un equipo de proviciones de emergencia adecuadas para un mínimo de tres días.

Estos equipos generalmente contienen algunos productos como alimentos, agua, ropa, baterias, linternas y una lista de números importantes y contactos. Muchas ferreterías y la Cruz Roja Americana venden paquetes preparados que Uds. podrian usar como equipo básico.

Otra fuente de información para prepararse en caso de una emergencia es su guía telefónica local. Examine su lista de contenido informativo de como prepararse para energencias. Este seguro de también prepararar y mantener a mano un lista de números para emergencias locales que incluyan la polcia, el médico, bomberos y los compañias de luz, gas, y agua.

Recuerde, en la noche del 31 de diciembre...

- Llamar por teléfono puede ser imposible por el gran número de llamadas
- Use el 9-1-1 solamente en caso de una emergencia.
- No dispare armas de fuego al aire.
- Apagones eléctricos pueden ocurrir; llame a su proveedor para informarse sobre la reinstalación.

Contacts for more information: American Red Cross 209-466-6971 www.redcross.org Governor's Office of Emergency Services 916-262-1772 www.oes.ca.gov Federal Emergency Management Agency 415-923-7100 www.fema.gov/reg-ix Pacific Gas & Electric 1-800-743-5000 www.pge.com National Weather Service www.wrh.noaa.gov/sacramento California Department of Water Resources http://cdec.water.ca.gov

Department of Transportation
209-948-7543
www.dot.ca.gov/dist10
San Joaquin County Office of Emergency
Services
209-468-3962
www.co.san-joaquin.ca.us
San Joaquin County Y2K Recorded Message
209-468-Y2KY
Check your city's web site for
additional information.

If a crisis situation occurs, the County will use the Emergency Alert System to notify county residents. Residents should monitor radio stations KFBK (1530 AM & 92.5 FM) and KSTN (420 AM & 107.3FM).



San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services Room 610 Stockton, CA 95202

San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services

Y2 Know About Emergency Preparedness



(Oficina de Servicios de Emergencia)

A disaster can be only a step away. Be sure that you and your family are prepared. Floods, heavy wind storms, earthquakes, a hazardous waste spill...all could impact you and your family at any time. Know what to do when disaster strikes. Be prepared for any emergency situation.

RELIABILITY



LODI ELECTRIC UTILITY: READY FOR THE NEW MILLENIUM

At Lodi Electric Utility, we have to be prepared to meet your energy needs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. So, when it came to getting ready for Y2K, we took it seriously... but we also took it in stride. Our goal has always been to provide customers with a safe, reliable supply of electricity and water and we believe that our mission-critical systems are 100% ready to do just that when the millennium arrives.

In fact, we expect January 1, 2000 to be just like any other day at the office. However, should anything unforeseen arise, we have built-in contingency plans and manual override capabilities to make sure that the transition goes as smoothly as possible.

And, to provide extra peace of mind, many Lodi Electric Utility employees will be celebrating this New Year's Eve at work - making sure that nothing interferes with our customers' millennium festivities.

For nearly 90 years, customers have counted on us to provide innovative, friendly dependable service. And you can continue to count on us well into the next century...because we always have been - and always will be - the *reliable* one.



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